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# NOTICE OF 75TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SASKATCHEWAN ABILITIES COUNCIL INC. (SaskAbilities)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to The Non-profit Corporations Act, 2022 and the Bylaw of SaskAbilities, that the 2025 Annual General Meeting of SaskAbilities will be held in-person on Friday, April 4, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. at the Delta Bessborough Hotel, 601 Spadina Crescent East, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. The Annual General Meeting will be held for the following purposes:

- Receiving the minutes of the 74th Annual General Meeting held on April 12, 2024
- Electing directors
- Receiving the President's Report
- Receiving the Executive Director's Report
- Presentation of audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2024

- Appointment of auditors
- To transact such other business as may be properly brought before the meeting.

If you plan to attend, please register before March 3, 2025 by contacting Janet Dzik by telephone at (306) 374-4448 or by email at [jdzik@saskabilities.ca](mailto:jdzik@saskabilities.ca).

To be eligible to vote at the Annual General Meeting, individuals must have purchased a 2025 membership in SaskAbilities on or prior to March 4, 2025.

Copies of the audited financial statements will be available at [www.saskabilities.ca](http://www.saskabilities.ca) on or about March 11, 2025. Charitable Business Number: 10795 5221 RR0001.

## JOIN SASKABILITIES TODAY!

I know my donation will help improve the quality of life for thousands of people experiencing disability in Saskatchewan.

General Donation  Membership Donation

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Enclosed is my contribution of:

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Or to donate online visit our website: [www.saskabilities.ca](http://www.saskabilities.ca)



### VISION

Working together to build inclusive communities for people of all abilities.

### MISSION

SaskAbilities supports people experiencing disability with programs and services to enhance their lives.

### VALUES

We treat people with respect, honesty and compassion.

Our programs and services are client-centred, goal-oriented and accountable.

We value teamwork, excellence and innovation.

Working together to build inclusive communities for people of all abilities.

CELEBRATING 75 YEARS TOGETHER

# ConnectAbilities

## Message from the President

This year marks a special milestone for SaskAbilities as we celebrate 75 years of service, supporting children, youth, and adults experiencing disability across the province. SaskAbilities was founded by concerned and loving families, uniting for a shared vision of better education, treatment, and services for their children. What began as a grassroots movement has evolved into a dynamic and innovative organization that serves over 50,000 individuals annually.

If I could travel back in time, I would extend my deepest gratitude to the founding families. Their unwavering courage and relentless pursuit of better opportunities for their loved ones ignited an organization with a vibrant legacy far beyond what they originally envisioned. It was their passion that laid the groundwork for a future filled with hope, possibility, and inclusivity for generations to come.

As Board President, I'm honoured to be part of an organization that continues to grow and adapt to the changing needs of the individuals we serve while staying true to our vision of building inclusive communities for people of all abilities. As we celebrate 75 years of success, we invite you to join us in commemorating this incredible journey with various events and activities happening across the province and hosted by SaskAbilities Branches in Saskatoon, Regina, Yorkton, and Swift Current.

In the pages of this ConnectAbilities newsletter, you will find a sneak peek at some never-before-seen archive photos through the decades and trivia questions that will surely test your knowledge of SaskAbilities' history. For important information regarding the upcoming 2025 Annual General Meeting, taking place on April 4, please see the final page of the newsletter.

As we look forward to this exciting year of celebration, I encourage you to visit SaskAbilities' social media pages and our website, [www.saskabilities.ca](http://www.saskabilities.ca), to stay updated on events and activities across the province.

*ALIVINGSTON*

Andy Livingston,  
President, SaskAbilities



### Website Celebrates 75 Years of SaskAbilities

As we embark on an exciting year of celebration, we invite you to join us in commemorating SaskAbilities' remarkable 75th anniversary by visiting [www.saskabilities.ca](http://www.saskabilities.ca) and clicking 75th Anniversary at the top of the page or by typing 75th anniversary in the search box.

Acting as a virtual time capsule, our website shares never-before-seen photos, historic memorabilia, past logos, and a timeline of milestones that chronicles SaskAbilities' achievements through the decades. Visitors will gain insight into the real impact SaskAbilities has had with clients, caregivers, and supporters of SaskAbilities through powerful testimonials. Last but certainly not least, we share some fun facts highlighting SaskAbilities' branches, Camp Easter Seal, and Rehabilitation Services.

To stay updated on detailed announcements regarding our 75th anniversary events and activities, including the Shaping Inclusive Communities Conference in Regina, please continue to visit our website, [www.saskabilities.ca](http://www.saskabilities.ca).



# Memories of days gone by



## 75TH ANNIVERSARY TRIVIA CHALLENGE

How well do you know SaskAbilities? Put your knowledge to the test with these fun trivia questions. Need some hints? Visit our website [www.saskabilities.ca](http://www.saskabilities.ca), commemorating 75 years of SaskAbilities for clues along the way! Good luck!

**1. Since its incorporation, how many names and logos has SaskAbilities had?**

- a. Five names and five logos
- b. Three names and four logos
- c. Three names and five logos
- d. Four names and five logos

**2. What year did Camp Easter Seal establish its permanent site at Little Manitou Beach?**

- a. 1952
- b. 1954
- c. 1956
- d. 1958



**3. Where did Camp Easter Seal host its first two inaugural camps?**

- a. Crystal Lake in East-Central Saskatchewan and Good Spirit Lake in Southeast Saskatchewan
- b. United Church Campsite at Manitou Beach & Pike Lake, East of Saskatoon
- c. Pike Lake, East of Saskatoon & Regina Beach, North of Regina
- d. United Church Campsite at Manitou Beach & Crystal Lake in East-Central Saskatchewan

**4. In what cities are SaskAbilities' four regional branches located?**

- a. Saskatoon, Prince Albert, Regina, Swift Current
- b. Regina, Moose Jaw, Manitou Beach, Yorkton
- c. Regina, Saskatoon, Swift Current, Yorkton
- d. Saskatoon, Regina, Yorkton, Prince Albert

**5. Approximately how many clients does SaskAbilities serve each year across the province?**

- a. Just under 20,000 individuals
- b. Just over 30,000 individuals
- c. Exactly 48,000 individuals
- d. Over 50,000 individuals

**6. Which branch was established in 1965 and first referred to as the Southwest Ability Centre?**

- a. Swift Current Branch
- b. Yorkton Branch
- c. Regina Branch
- d. Saskatoon Branch

**7. The Yorkton Branch, previously known as the Parkland Ability Centre, has been providing what event for 48 years?**

- a. Easter Seals™ Drop Zone
- b. Easter Seals™ Snowarama
- c. Easter Seals™ Spring Campaign
- d. Easter Seal™ Paper Egg Campaign



**8. Which branch has outfitted Canada's national ringette teams with its signature Stinger Sports ringette line?**

- a. Saskatoon Branch
- b. Swift Current Branch
- c. Yorkton Branch
- d. Regina Branch

**9. Rehabilitation Services operates an equipment loan program called Special Needs Equipment with locations in what five cities?**

- a. Prince Albert, Regina, Saskatoon, Swift Current, Yorkton
- b. Moose Jaw, Yorkton, Saskatoon, Swift Current, Watrous
- c. Warman, Saskatoon, Prince Albert, Yorkton, Swift Current
- d. Watrous, Saskatoon, Regina, Yorkton, Swift Current

**10. Since 1959, the Saskatoon Branch has been at what location?**

- a. 2310 Louise Avenue, Saskatoon
- b. 825 McDonald Street, Regina
- c. 1410 Kilburn Avenue, Saskatoon
- d. 162 Ball Road, Yorkton

**ANSWERS** 1. d, 2. c, 3. d, 4. c, 5. d, 6. a, 7. b, 8. d, 9. a, 10. c

Our logos through the years...

